

THE HON'BLE Ms. JUSTICE G. ROHINI

WRIT PETITION No.18671 OF 1996

ORAL ORDER:

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The petitioners, fifteen in number, claim to be in possession and enjoyment of small extents of land situated in Survey Nos.605/2 & 3, 705 to 707 of Kruthivenu village and mandal, Krishna District, having been granted 'D' form pattas in the year 1987. This writ petition is filed aggrieved by the notice issued by the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kruthivenu, dated 5.8.1997, under which it was proposed to assign the land in possession of the petitioners to 62 persons of Kruthivenu village, and calling for objections, if any, from the persons interested in the above land.

It appears that the Mandal Revenue Officer, Kruthivenu, earlier passed an order dated 12.7.1993 resuming the land in question to the Government on the ground that the assignees failed to bring the land into cultivation within 3 years from the date of issue of pattas. Pursuant thereto, the impugned notice dated 5.8.1996 was issued proposing to grant fresh pattas.

It is contended by the learned counsel for the petitioners that the allegation that the petitioners failed to bring the land into cultivation within three years is absolutely false and without any basis.

Admittedly, as on today, no fresh pattas have been granted. Under the impugned notice the Mandal Revenue Officer had only invited objections from the persons interested, and in case the petitioners are continuing in possession and claim title to the land in question, they ought to have submitted their objections, in which event, appropriate orders would have been passed by the competent authority.

In the circumstances, the petitioners are granted liberty to submit their objections, if any, within a period of eight weeks from the date of receipt of a copy of this order. Thereafter, the 1st respondent shall

consider the same and pass appropriate orders in accordance with law. Till such time, *status quo* obtaining as on today as to the nature and possession of the land in question shall be maintained.

The writ petition is accordingly, disposed of. No costs.

(G. ROHINI).

7th March, 2007.
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Between:

Pasupuletu Samson and others.

.. Petitioners.

And

The Mandal Revenue Officer, Kruthivenu mandal,
Kruthivenu, Krishna District and another.

.. Respondents.